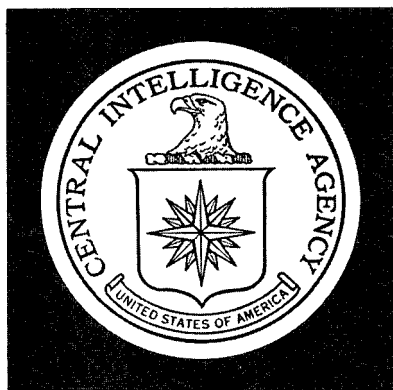


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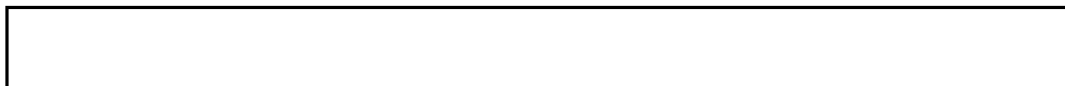
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Emperor Haile Selassie, who arrives in Washington on 13 February, is deeply concerned with trends in the Horn of Africa and in the Red Sea basin which he believes represent a serious threat to the Ethiopian empire.

The Emperor is alarmed by the Soviet Union's military assistance to and buildup of the armed forces of the Somali Republic, which has territorial designs on Ethiopia. He is also worried by the threat to Ethiopia's economic lifeline to Djibouti, French Somaliland, and might undertake pre-emptive military action if the 19 March referendum vote there results in the ouster of the French. He is concerned over Arab and Communist intentions to move into the Red Sea area, especially Yemen, and into Aden, where the British will withdraw next year. Traditionally fearful of Moslem encirclement of Christian Ethiopia, he is disturbed also by Arab, Somali, and Communist assistance to Eritrean and other dissidents within the empire.

To meet this domestic and external threat, the Emperor will press the US hard for additional modern arms, and may use as leverage the US communications base at Kagnew. Ethiopian officials have submitted a shopping list for a five-year expansion and modernization of the army, air force, and navy, which would cost an estimated \$161 million.

Ambassador Korry believes the Emperor is determined to obtain more arms. He reports that Selassie has made requests to the French, British, and Israelis, and has announced plans to visit Moscow in late February.

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